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1. IN MID-DECEMBER 1974, OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP GAVE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO OECD BELLO INFORMAL PAPER OUTLINING POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR OECD SUPPORT TO PORTUGAL. (SEE REFTEL A) IN A SEPARATE MEETING DECEMBER 19, AMBASSADOR BELLO INDICATED TO US AMBASSADOR TURNER THAT, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN LISBON, HE WOULD REPORT PORTUGUESE REACTIONS TO PROPOSED OECD AND US AID PLANS -- PROBABLY DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5. BELLO HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET BEEN
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ABLE TO GET A REACTION FROM THE GOP.

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2. SINCE THE OECD WANTS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL DURING THIS CRITICAL PRE-ELECTION PERIOD, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY WERE TO HELP DISCREETLY IN ELICITING A RESPONSE FROM THE PORTUGUESE. AS THE EMBASSY UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS, THE OECD IS NOT ALONE AMONG MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN FEELING FRUSTRATED BY LACK OF FEEDBACK FROM THE PORTUGUESE. THOUGH WE APPRECIATE THE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY IN LISBON WHICH PROBABLY EXPLAINS DELAYED PORTUGUESE RESPONSE, WE FEEL THAT SUCH UNCERTAINTY MAY BE ALL THE MORE REASON FOR THE GOP TO SIGNAL INTEREST IN OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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